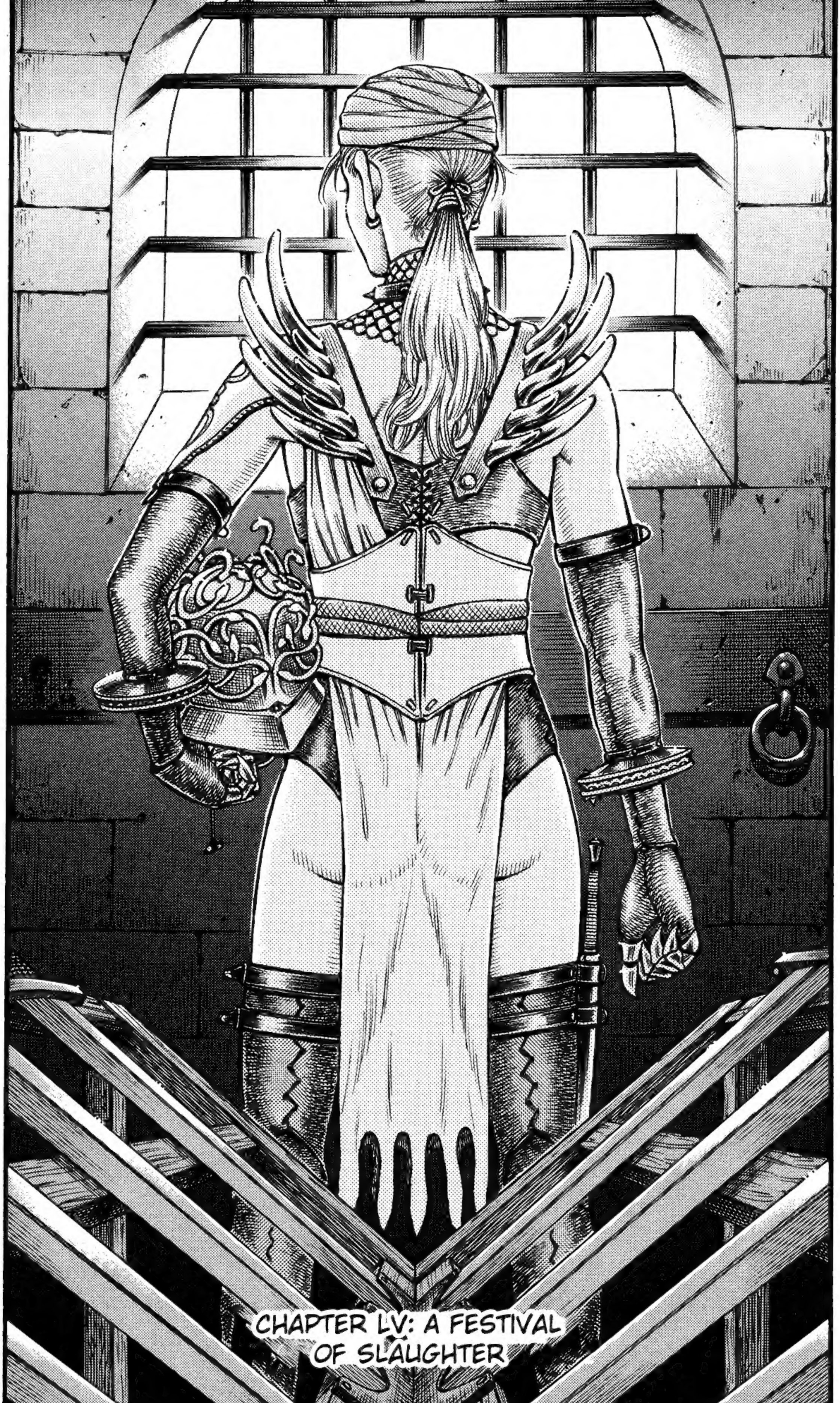

CHAPTER LV: A FESTIVAL OF SLAUGHTER

CLOSING GLADIATORIAL MATCHES.

FINAL DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.

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COMPARED TO THE MINOR OPENING ACTS, THERE WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE DIFFERENCE IN INTENSITY.

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THE CLASH OF STEEL...

THE INTERLACING OF LIFE, AND DEATH...

ONE MIGHT WELL HAVE CALLED IT "MADNESS"...

COME THE END IT WAS A CONFLICT THEY WOULD FEEL NO GUILT OVER...

AS BLOODY FLOWERS BLOOMED BELOW THEIR EYES...

FOR THE THOUSANDS OF ONLOOKERS WERE INTOXICATED BY THE ABNORMAL SCENE IN FRONT OF THEM.

WHEN WILL THAT LOT FROM CERBERUS APPEAR?

THOUGH IT'S TRULY ANNOYING THAT I'M USING UP SO MANY OF THE STARS OF THE ARENA.

HOW'S THIS FOR A SUCCESS?

COULD IT BE THAT, WERE HE TO FALL PREY TO SOME FOUL TRAP, HE INTENDS TO INSTANTLY TAKE A HOSTAGE?!

GULP.

WHAT AN EXTREMELY CHILLING MAN!

FORGET THOSE, JUST LOOK AT THE GUEST OF HONOUR!

BY THE WAY, HOW'D YOU GET THOSE SCRATCHES...

THEY'RE NEXT.

I TAKE IT YOU KNOW WHY THEIR GRAND MASTER HAS SAT DOWN THERE IN PERSON?

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WHAT'S MORE, NONE OF THOSE THREE EVEN HAVE SHIELDS...!

ISN'T THIS MEANT TO BE EIGHT VERSUS EIGHT?

THEY BEAR THE NAMES MEDUSA OF THE BLOODY WIND, CYCLOPS OF THE CRUSHING EARTHQUAKE, AND GRIFFIN OF THE TWIN HORNS. THEY ARE MY THREE FINEST DISCIPLES.

I WOULD HAVE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, TO EVEN HAVE AN EVEN MATCH, ONE MUST HAVE THIS SORT OF DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS.

NOW PLEASE, WATCH MOST CAREFULLY.

HAVING PERFECTED THEIR BLADE SKILLS THEY HAVE NO NEED FOR SHIELDS AND THE LIKE.

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WOOOAH, I'M SHOCKED.

THERE'S A WOMAN!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A FEMALE GLADIATOR!

SHOW US YA FACE MISS!

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THE WOMAN'S USING SOME WEIRD SORT OF WEAPON!

TAKE CARE!

THAT'S NO ORDINARY WHIP!

HUH?!

IT'S EMBROIDED WITH SHARK TEETH!

GUH!

WHA...?!

WE'LL CATCH THE WHIP WITH OUR SPEARS!

CLOSE IN!

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TH... THIS ONE'S NOT HU...

THEY DIDN'T EVEN TREAT THEM LIKE CHILDREN...

IT WAS MORE LIKE THEY WERE MOWING DOWN WEEDS...!

IT IS OVER.

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AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING BACK.

IT ALL HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY, I CAN BARELY BELIEVE IT.

FOR IT TO END UP SO QUIET... IT'S LIKE I'M IMAGINING THINGS...

THAT'S RATHER... IMPRESSIVE...

WHA...

HOWEVER, IF YOU HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE IT WOULD HAVE TARNISHED MY NAME.

WITH THIS THEN...

TRUTH BE TOLD TWO OF THEM WOULD'VE SUFFICED FOR A FIGHT LIKE THAT...

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I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE MOST SATISFIED.

INDEED I DO.

I RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST LAST NIGHT.

DO YOU INTEND TO SHOW ME A FIGHT YOURSELF?

NOW, IF YOU WOULD EXCUSE ME!

I HAVE ONE MORE MATTER OF BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.

YOU NEED NOT WORRY.

ONE OF MY DISCIPLES SHALL KEEP YOU COMPANY.

OOH!

NO WAY, I'M SICK OF THIS.

DON'T YOU WANNA SEE THE LAST FIGHT?

OI, WAIT.

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